

# READ & MAKE

## BACKYARD ARCHEOLOGY

### WITH "REDISCOVERING RARITAN LANDING"

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Discover our County's unique history by sifting through the soil alongside the Raritan River with a pair of young archaeologists. Explore some of the real life objects that were unearthed during the dig with our County's own historian, Mark Nonestied and document your observations in sketches!



#### **Optional Supplies:**

- White paper or a sketch book
- Pencil, pen, or any other drawing materials you have on hand

#### **Little artists will:**

- Practice close observation
- Notice details and identify texture, color, etc.
- Learn about how artists were essential in documenting findings during digs, especially before cameras
- Use their imaginations to create imaginative drawings of what might be found in their own backyards

#### **Assistant Tips:**

- Encourage thoughtful and careful work, just like scientific illustrators worked on-site during digs.
- Encourage artists to look closely and add details to their sketches.
- Ask your artists to imagine what might be found in their own backyard.
- Ask your artist to tell you about their artwork/process and write down their artist statement to display alongside their artwork.

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